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A COUNTRY editor may not know it all," remarks the *Wall Lake Blade*, "but he does not live long in a community without knowing a deuced sight more than he publishes."

So it appears that it will cost the United States more to keep a standing army of 100,000 men than it costs Russia to keep 835,000. But then Russia don't feed her soldiers on embalmed beef.

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HERE is more gold standard prosperity for the—trusts. A late issue of the *Delaware county (Pa.) Democrat* makes the statement that "the Schuylkill Coal exchange has fixed the rate of miners' wages for the current month at eight per cent below the lowest rate paid anthracite coal miners in years. At the same time the price of coal has been advanced." How do you like such prosperity, you American workman?

THE Texas legislature has enacted legislation authorizing the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway to absorb and operate the Sherman, Shreveport and Southern railway, which now extends from McKinney to Jefferson. It is the intention of the Katy to extend the line to Shreveport to connect with the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific railway (Queen and Crescent Route) thus opening a new gateway and a short line to the Mississippi valley and the Southeast. Through train service will be established.

THERE is a great lack of justice or even common sense in many of the laws that are inflicted on the people of this country. For instance, a boy born into this country is not allowed to vote until he is 21 years old—but he can press into war to stop bullets, in order to increase the bonded debt, as soon as he is 18 years old. And again, the poor man can have a distress warrant issued against his humble belongings to pay an unjust tax, while the supreme court declares that the rich robber must be exempt, as an income tax is illegal and cannot be collected.

THE gradual concentration of many of the large manufacturing establishments into combines and trusts takes all competition; not only does it do this but it causes large numbers of men to be thrown out of employment. And for all it may cheapen the products of the factories the people get none of the benefits, as the greedy owners pocket the whole thing, and then some. Verily this may properly be called the age of GREED. It is the mission of the great Democratic party to squelch the trusts—who is there that is a loyal, liberty-loving American citizen that can truthfully say the mission is not a patriotic and just one?

HERE is a pretty kettle of "embalmed" discipline for a relish after the embalmed beef. President McKinley asked Mr. Secretary Alger to resign, in order to hush up the scandal, and Mr. Secretary Alger tells the president—*not* on your liver pad. And then he says all the incompetents that he appointed during the war were on the recommendations of the president. Alger thus acknowledges that incompetents were appointed by him, but that they were appointed to pay Markies political debts—yet there are those who still say that this is a government of the people, by the people and for the people! If so, who are the people?

WILL—Her husband claims to have perfect control over her. Tom—Yes, I suppose he can make her do anything she chooses?

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A MEMBER of a certain dry goods firm appeared in a law court recently with the complaint that his partner in business would sell goods at less than cost price, and he desired to have him restrained. The defendant utterly denied the charge, and the case was adjourned for a fortnight. As the plaintiff went out of court he exclaimed in a tragic tone: "Then the sacrifice must still go on!" The story was noised abroad, and the result was that the shop was crowded with customers. There the case ended, for at the end of the fortnight the plaintiff failed to appear in court, having accomplished the purpose—advertisement—he had in view.

THE *Moberly Democrat* says that no less than ten letters have been received there during the past few weeks from Texas inquiring if one Col. Adie O. Robertson is wanted in Randolph county. We will simply state to our Texas friends that there have been no public demonstrations here demanding the "colonel's" return. If the Lone Star state is not large enough to hold him, put him on the hog train and ship him to Mexico. True, no self-respecting Greaser could stomach him, but the "colonel" wouldn't mind that; he's used to having people hold their nose when in his presence. Even the negroes up here in Missouri are thrown into vomiting convulsions at the very mention of his name.

GOV. BOB TAYLOR of Tennessee, who ought to be authority on the subject, says: "Every honest man who runs for office is a candidate for trouble; for the fruits of political victory turn to ashes on the lips. To me there is nothing in this world so pathetic as a candidate. He is like a mariner without a compass, drifting on the tempest-tossed waves of adversity, between the smiling cliffs of hope and the frowning crags of fear. He is a walking petition and a living prayer; he is the pack horse of public sentiment; he is the dromedary of politics. And even if he reaches the goal of his ambition he will soon feel the beak of the vulture in his heart and the fang of the serpent in his soul."

THERE be those folk, and they are also sincere in their condemnation of the disreputable rule of the present national administration, but they are altogether too timid and wishy-washy in their expressions—this is what is and has been the trouble for many years. Too much timidity, too lamblike, too afraid of telling the bald-headed truth. It is now time to bury such sentimentality and to begin dealing sledge hammer blows if we wish to break the chain of bondage. No words can be too scathing for the people to use in their struggle for freedom from the rule of the blood-thirsty, unscrupulous and un-American crew now steering the ship of state against the breakers ahead.

NOT since the days when the gamblers of Wall street, the satellites of the Rothschilds, were negotiating with our "law manufacturers" for the exception clause in the greenback, and later for the demonetization of silver and the resumption of specie payments, have they been in such a stew and hubbub as they are just now. They are at present loudly, persistently and almost frantically sounding the hewgag and hysterically beating the tom-toms in order to announce to the world that "silver is a dead issue." But they are giving their hand dead away in keeping their announcement standing. If silver is really "a dead issue" as they say it is, why do they not have some respect for the dead and let the corpse rest in peace? That these fellows are badly scared is evident and we trust they will have no relief, and that the people will break away from their bondage.

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A BILLION AND A HALF DOLLAR CONGRESS.

The Fifty-fifth congress expired at noon on the fourth day of March, 1899, after one of the most interesting and eventful sessions in the annals of the country. Its importance to the people is apparent from the complications in which the ratification of the Spanish-American treaty and other species of federal legislation have involved the government.

Independent of these grave complications the financial condition of the country demands a more economical and conservative class of statesmen than the majority party in the Fifty-fifth congress has proved to be, if the published statements of the leaders of the lower house are true. Mr. Cannon of Illinois, chairman of the appropriations committee, estimates the appropriations made at the session, just closed, for the current expenses of the government at \$1,566,909,128. The enormity of this statement is so colossal that it almost shakes one's faith in the integrity of the government, vast as the resources of the country are. Mr. Cannon avers that these enormous expenditures can and will be met easily by the current revenues pouring annually into the treasury department.

His figures, however, are controverted by Mr. Dockery of Missouri, who has also published a statement of these appropriations and the government's revenues from all sources. Mr. Dockery's statement makes very interesting reading for the people at this time, especially those blindly following in the wake of the Republican majority in congress. According to the reckonings of Mr. Dockery, extravagance with the present administration has been the rule and not the exception, and the claimant of this state of affairs shows conclusively that there will be an annual deficit of \$100,000,000 between the receipts and expenditures of the national treasury.

Mr. Dockery makes the further statement that the revenue derived from the sale of bonds during the Cleveland administration will be exhausted by the first of June, 1899, and that the deficit in the public revenues up to that time will amount to \$159,000,000. This is an alarming showing regarding the financial condition of the country, and is a complete refutation of the claims made by Mr. Cannon, and exposes a weakness in the McKinley administration that is really embarrassing to the nation's finances. Mr. Dockery's expose of Republican financiering ought to, and we believe will, recoil on a party capable of perpetrating such a wrong on the people.

How, we ask, can any self-respecting American mechanic, or any man who has regard for the American laborer, support such a heartless gang as are now running the machine at Washington? Not content to destroy the people's money, to propagate robbing trusts, to feed their soldiers on embalmed beef and prosecute army officials for denouncing the rotten stuff, and rewarding other officials for calling honest men liars, they even, in their greed, resort to the heinous crime of having the soldiers' clothing manufactured in disease-breeding sweat-shops where the wages paid to the workers run from seven cents to as high as fifty-one cents a day! Oh shame, shame on an administration that makes a pretense of being American—or even the friend of the American laborer—and then gives out its contracts to unscrupulous, un-American sheeny clothing manufacturers who have the work done in the sweat-shops of New York City—and pay wages that are equivalent to slow starvation, and force men, women and children to commit crime in order to sustain life—and all this in prosperous(?) New York, where prosperity is said to be at such high tide that it is running up stream. Away with such prosperity, down with such friends of America and American laborers.

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